

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:
 - a) a supply chain system computer receiving data from a plurality of independent convenience store outlets of a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of convenience store products and/or services by the convenience store outlets, and wherein the data is provided by the plurality of convenience store outlets at the sole discretion of the respective convenience store outlet;
 - b) the supply chain system computer parsing the data to match it to a plurality of convenience store distributors and convenience store suppliers;
 - c) the supply chain system computer generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering convenience store products and/or services from a convenience store distributor of the convenience store supply chain;
 - d) the supply chain system computer transmitting the data to the convenience store distributor of the convenience store supply chain utilizing the network;
 - e) the supply chain system computer transmitting the data to a convenience store supplier of the convenience store supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - f) the supply chain system computer forecasting aggregated activity in the convenience store supply chain utilizing the data;
 - g) sending the electronic order form to the convenience store distributor; and
 - h) the supply chain system computer providing access to the forecast to the convenience store distributor and the convenience store supplier only after identity verification.
2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the convenience store outlets, the convenience store distributor, the convenience store supplier via a network-based interface.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the convenience store outlets, the convenience store distributor, and the convenience store supplier each forecast utilizing the data.
7. (Currently amended) A system for managing a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:
 - a) logic for in a supply chain system computer receiving data from a plurality of independent convenience store outlets of a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of convenience store products or services by the convenience store outlets, and wherein the data is provided by the plurality of convenience store outlets at the sole discretion of the respective convenience store outlet;
 - b) logic for the supply chain system computer parsing the data to match it to a plurality of convenience store distributors and convenience store suppliers;
 - c) logic for the supply chain system computer generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering convenience store products or services from a convenience store distributor of the convenience store supply chain;
 - d) logic for the supply chain system computer transmitting the data to the convenience store distributor of the convenience store supply chain utilizing the network;
 - e) logic for the supply chain system computer transmitting the data to a convenience store supplier of the convenience store supply chain utilizing the network; ~~and~~

- f) logic for the supply chain system computer forecasting aggregated activity in the convenience store supply chain utilizing the data;
 - g) logic for sending the electronic order form to the convenience store distributor;
and
 - h) logic for the supply chain system computer providing access to the forecast to the convenience store distributor and the convenience store supplier only after identity verification.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the convenience store outlets, the convenience store distributor, the convenience store supplier via a network-based interface.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
12. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the convenience store outlets, the convenience store distributor, and the convenience store supplier each forecast utilizing the data.
13. (Currently amended) A computer program product for managing a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:
- a) computer code for a supply chain system computer receiving data from a plurality of independent convenience store outlets of a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of convenience store products or services by the convenience store outlets, and wherein the data is provided by the plurality of convenience store outlets at the sole discretion of the respective convenience store outlet;
 - b) computer code for the supply chain system computer parsing the data to match it to a plurality of convenience store distributors and convenience store suppliers;

- c) computer code for the supply chain system computer generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering convenience store products or services from a convenience store distributor of the convenience store supply chain;
 - d) computer code for the supply chain system computer transmitting the data to the convenience store distributor of the convenience store supply chain utilizing the network;
 - e) computer code for the supply chain system computer transmitting the data to a convenience store supplier of the convenience store supply chain utilizing the network; ~~and~~
 - f) computer code for the supply chain system computer forecasting aggregated activity in the convenience store supply chain utilizing the data;
 - g) computer code for sending the electronic order form to the convenience store distributor; and
 - h) computer code for the supply chain system computer providing access to the forecast to the convenience store distributor and the convenience store supplier only after identity verification.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible to the convenience store outlets, the convenience store distributor, the convenience store supplier via a network-based interface.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the Internet.
18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the convenience store outlets, the convenience store distributor, and the convenience store supplier each forecast utilizing the data.